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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$213,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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Driver, three passengers injured in intersection collision

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Signal Violation/Passenger/Intersection

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Kim v. Atkinson, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date: 3/19/2009.

SETTLEMENT: \$213,000

COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, A Professional Law Corporation, Los Angeles.

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On December 30, 2007, plaintiff Jeni Kim, a 24-year-old accountant executive, was operating her 2005 Honda westbound on 5th Avenue and entered the intersection at Hill Street with a green light. As plaintiff proceeded through the intersection, defendant Atkinson, driving his 1998 Mustang northbound on Hill Street, ran the red light, striking plaintiff's vehicle and causing it to spin out of control and crash into a building at the corner of the intersection. Three passengers, Yumee Lee, Grace Kim, and Mirko Bonatti, were also injured in plaintiff's vehicle.

Plaintiffs alleged that defendant was negligent in the operation of a motor vehicle and that all of plaintiffs' claimed injuries were a direct result of the subject motor vehicle accident.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiffs suffered multiple neck and back injuries for which they received physical therapy. Plaintiff Kim also sustained a left knee medial meniscal tear, requiring surgery.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$62,485 medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Defendant tendered his \$30,000 liability policy limits. Plaintiffs had a \$100,000/\$300,000 underinsured motorist coverage policy. Plaintiffs' underinsured motorist carrier contributed a total of \$183,000 towards the settlement.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was Progressive Insurance Company; the adjuster was Kathryn Tracy. The underinsured motorist carrier was American Family Mutual Insurance; the adjuster was Raymond Daye.

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